

(b) whether those instruments are being used at all at present?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) £ 441-15 s.-7 d.

(b) Yes.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the name of the doctor who uses these instruments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not here.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai was the expert who was using those instruments. May I know whether there are such Doctors in the General Hospital who can use them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There are Doctors who are capable of using them.

MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know their names?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The names will be called for from the Administrative Board, Medical Services, if the member is particular to have them.

Failure of Joint Stock Companies.

149. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Joint Stock Companies which failed within the last seven years (1096-1102);

(b) whether the Government made any investigation into the causes of such failure; and

(c) whether they propose to make an enquiry into that matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) 133.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The Government do not consider that a special enquiry into the matter is called for.

Minor Irrigation Works in Quilon Taluk.

150. **MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent for minor irrigation works in the several parts of the Quilon taluk within the last ten years (1093-1102) except in Kallada;

(b) whether any special officer has been appointed for irrigation works in Quilon as announced by the Dewan in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to appoint such an officer in Quilon in the near future?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Nil.

[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(b) Yes. One Supervisor was appointed from the 16th Minam 1101 for the investigation of minor irrigation works in the Quilon Division. He is investigating taluk by taluk and the Chief Engineer has instructed the Division Officer to put him on work in the Quilon taluk at the earliest date possible.

(c) This does not arise.

The Puthan Dam.

151. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is usual to remove annually the silt accumulated in front of the scouring vent of the Puthan Dam during the rainy season; and

(b) whether the silt was removed in 1102, and, if not why?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Silt is being removed whenever necessary.

(b) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The second part of the question does not therefore arise.

Disposal of Applications for Teachers' Posts from qualified girls of the Vannar Community.

152. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of girls that have passed the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination or Vernacular Higher Examination from the Vannar (washerman) community in Travancore;

(b) the names of those candidates and the year in which they passed the Examination;

(c) whether any of them has applied for teachers' posts; and

(d) the result of those applications?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to furnish the information as the member has not specified the period for which the information is wanted.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): From the wording of the question and the fact that no year has been specified it is clear that the information is required from the date of the inception of the examination. May I get that information?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): From what date and for what period?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): For all the years since the introduction of the examination.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): If that is so, it is a fresh question and the member has to give notice of that. The present question has been answered.